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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE WASHINGTON!

GW Celebrates the Namesake's Birthday Feb. 22 with Basketball, Colonial Tea, Cherry Pie-Eating Contest, the Crowning of Mr. and Ms. GW Contest and a Bonfire

EVENT: The George Washington University celebrates George Washington's 271st birthday with a day of colonial events.

WHEN: Saturday, February 22, 2003

SCHEDULE:

- 12:30 p.m. Alumni Tailgater at Alumni House,**
RSVP to (202) 994-6435 (Game Tickets \$5)
- 2:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. La Salle at Smith Center**
- 4:30 p.m. Colonial Tea and Weathervane Dedication,** RSVP to (202) 994-7129
Media and Public Affairs Building, 2nd floor, 805 21st Street, NW
"Campus Icons – A celebration of selected outdoor sculptures from the GW permanent collection." This reception will be highlighted by the dedication of a new George Washington weathervane, created by the late Travis Tuck and donated by Luther W. Brady.
- 6:00 p.m. Party and Bonfire on the University Yard**
Tri-cornered hats, colonial food and music, cherry pie-eating contest and more. Finally, the winners of the GW Program Board's Mr. and Ms. GW contest will be announced.

To sign up for the pie-eating contest or for more information about the birthday celebration, call the Office of University Events at (202) 994-7129.

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GW ACCEPTING NOMINEES FOR 2003 GEORGE WASHINGTON AWARD

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University Joint Committee of Faculty and Students is accepting nominees for the 27th Annual GW Award. Members of the GW community are encouraged to submit names of individuals who have made exceptional contributions to advance the University toward realization of one or more of the following objectives:

- Utilization of the University's historical, geographical and functional relationship to the nation's capital and Washington, D.C., community;
- Enhancement and development of students' abilities;
- Provision of a balanced program of student extracurricular activities;
- Demonstration of exceptional competence, integrity and goodwill in the performance of University responsibilities.

The award is open to GW faculty, staff and students. GW community members wishing to nominate a candidate for the 2003 GW Award, should send a nomination form and supporting documentation to the GW Award Selection Committee of the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students, c/o Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Office, Rice Hall, Suite 401. Nomination forms and guidelines are available at the Student Activities Center, Marvin Center 427, and on the first floor lobbies of the Academic Center, Marvin Center and Rice Hall. **The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2003.**

The GW Award was established in 1976 to provide special recognition to members of the GW community whose accomplishments have had a broad impact and whose service has been above and beyond that which is usual or expected. This year's awardees will be honored at the commencement ceremony on the Ellipse, May 18, 2003.

**For more information, contact the Associate Vice President and
Deans of Students Office at (202) 994-6710.**

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**NO MORE DOLLARS OR CENTS,
GW EXPANDS DEBIT DOLLARS PROGRAM TO CAMPUS VENDING MACHINES**

WASHINGTON – Members of The George Washington University community will no longer have to feed several campus vending machines their dollars and change to purchase a favorite snack. Instead, they now have the option of swiping their GWorld card.

The move is an expansion of the GWorld Debit Dollar program, a currency that works like cash at participating on-campus outlets and off-campus merchants. The first vending machines to accept Debit Dollars will be located at Thurston Hall, Lerner Health and Wellness Center, New Hall, Ross Hall, Academic Center basement, Fonger Hall, Marvin Center 5th floor and Somers Hall at the Mount Vernon Campus. Each location will have a snack, juice and soda machine activated. The University plans to wire more vending locations for Debit Dollar use later this spring.

“With Debit Dollars currently being used to do laundry, pay for printing and photocopying in the libraries and labs, to buy things at the GW Bookstore, Pulse Copy Center and other on and off-campus purchases, we thought this was a natural extension to the program,” said Gary Reynolds of Institutional Auxiliary Services. “It will work to make the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses more convenient places to live, work and learn.”

For more information about a GWorld Debit account or to learn how to add Debit Dollars to a GWorld card, visit www.gwu.edu/~gworld.

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**SYMPOSIUM AT GW VIRGINIA CAMPUS CELEBRATES GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY**

**Historians and Regional Leaders Discuss Washington's and Thomas Jefferson's Visions on
Development and Their Impact on Today's Development Challenges
February 20**

EVENT: The George Washington University Virginia Campus and the Loudoun Museum present
**"George Washington and Thomas Jefferson: Two Leaders. Two Visions for Developing
a Nation."** Distinguished historians from Mount Vernon and Monticello will discuss the
often-opposing visions of Washington and Jefferson on economic development and growth.
Regional leaders will explore the relevancy of the Washington and Jefferson legacies on
today's development challenges particularly in Loudoun County, the second-fastest growing
county in the nation.

AGENDA: **Historical Perspectives: Two Visions for Developing a Nation**
Dennis Pogue, associate director of preservation, Mount Vernon Estate
Gay Wilson, research historian, Monticello

**Current Realities: Key Economic Development Challenges and Issues of Today and
Tomorrow**

Larry Rosenstrauch, director, Loudoun County Department of Economic Development

**Interactive Panel Discussion: Enduring Legacies: The Impact of Washington and
Jefferson on Today's Development Changes**

Packie Crown, planner, Reed Smith LLP

Peggy Maio, Loudoun field officer, Piedmont Environmental Council

Leonard (Hobie) Mitchel, president, Lansdowne Community Development LLC

Keth Troxell, Esq., partner, Troxell, Kincaid & Mullin PLC

WHEN: Thursday, February 20, 2003, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: The GW Virginia Campus
20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, Va. (at University Center, Route 7, one mile west of Route 28)

COST: Program is free of charge and presented as a public service.
For reservations, call (703) 726-8300 or e-mail to reservations@va.gwu.edu.

BACKGROUND:

The symposium is sponsored by Buchanan Partners, Loudoun County Environmental Indicators Project (LEIP) at the GW Virginia Campus, Lansdowne Community Development LLC and Reed Smith LLP.

Conveniently located in the Northern Virginia technology corridor near Dulles International Airport, the GW Virginia Campus is the University's Research and Technology Campus. The 90-acre campus is a robust cluster of executive education and technology programs and world-class research initiatives in transportation safety and security, information technology and telecommunications. Since opening in August 1991, the campus has experienced a tenfold increase in its students base and grown annual research funding from \$50,000 to more than \$7 million.

The Loudoun Museum's mission is to collect and care for materials that illustrate the history of Loudoun County; to interpret Loudoun history and to educate the public through programs, resource materials and events; and to foster heritage tourism.

To learn more about the GW Virginia Campus visit, www.gwvirginia.gwu.edu.

To learn more about the Loudoun Museum visit, www.loudounmuseum.org.

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**GW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT SELECTS
TRADESTATION SOFTWARE AS PLATFORM
FOR REAL-TIME TRADING LAB**

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management announced today that it has selected *TradeStation* software as the platform for its Capital Markets Trading Laboratory. In the lab, students access real-time financial market information, use proprietary software and financial information systems, and learn skills necessary for financial modeling and analysis, trading and portfolio management.

TradeStation, the flagship product of TradeStation Group, Inc., is the only branded trading platform that enables the user to design virtually any custom trading strategy, perform detailed simulated historical tests of the strategy, and then automate that strategy to produce real-time alerts when its “buy” and “sell” conditions are met.

“We are very pleased to be able to offer students the opportunity to use *TradeStation*,” said Ross A. Lumley, director of GW’s Capital Markets Trading Laboratory and assistant professor of management science. “With this software students will be able to experience trading tools offering unique charting and analysis capabilities. They also will be able to program custom indicators and strategies, and then back test their performance on up to 30 years of data.”

“Our company has always been focused on providing customers with tools to become more disciplined traders,” said Janette Perez, vice president of strategic relations, TradeStation Technologies. “Removing emotions like fear and greed from trading decisions is what *TradeStation* is all about, and we believe it’s an ideal platform on which business students can learn more about the markets. We are pleased that GW’s students will have access to the latest state-of-the-art technology available for today’s individual and institutional traders.”

The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management, located in Washington, D.C., prepares students for professional management careers. The depth and variety of its academic and professional programs, including seven specialized master’s degrees, provides rich opportunities for students in the school’s core bachelor of business administration, master of business administration and Ph.D. programs. GW’s undergraduate program in business has been ranked among the Top 50 for three consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report*, and its part-time MBA program has been ranked among the Top 25.

For more information about the school and its community, visit www.sbp.m.gwu.edu.

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**GW PROFESSOR OF DANCE FEATURED IN SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S
CELEBRATION OF KOREAN AMERICAN CENTENNIAL**

**Dana Tai Soon Burgess Appears in Photo Exhibit at Museum of Natural History and Prepares
for World Premiere of Modern Dance Performance at Kennedy Center**

WASHINGTON – Dana Tai Soon Burgess, associate professor of dance at The George Washington University, is prominently featured in the Smithsonian Institution's celebration of the Korean American Centennial. His picture is included in a photo exhibition celebrating 100 years of Korean American history, and the Smithsonian has commissioned Burgess and his company, Moving Forward, to create a dance work as part of the centennial celebration.

"I am proud of my heritage and to be associated with the many great Korean Americans included in the Smithsonian's Korean American Centennial celebration," said Burgess. "My mother's family were some of the first Korean immigrants to land in Hawaii in 1903, so the dance work in particular will have a great personal and artistic meaning for me."

Burgess is one of three artists featured in the photo exhibition, titled "A Korean American Century." The exhibit highlights the history and achievements of Korean Americans in the United States, and exhibit material traces the relationship between Korea and the United States leading up to the initial Korean immigration. "A Korean American Century" runs from January 22 through August 20 in the Baird Gallery of the National Museum of Natural History, at 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

Burgess' modern dance, inspired by his family history, will depict a family's journey from Korea to the new world. The world premiere performances will take place at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on November 6 and 7.

The first Korean immigrants came to Hawaii in 1903. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, there are currently more than one million Korean Americans in the United States. Northern Virginia is one of the areas with the densest Korean American population, along with Los Angeles, New York and Chicago.

Both the photo exhibition and a pre-performance event for the dance work on October 30 will take place at the Museum of Natural History and are open to the public and free of charge. These events are two of the many programs and exhibitions presented by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, in commemoration of the Korean American Centennial.

For more information on the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, visit www.apa.si.edu.

For more information on Burgess and his dance company, Moving Forward, visit www.movingforwarddance.com.

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**GW ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE JENNY MCKEAN MOORE
READING SERIES FOR SPRING 2003**

WHAT:

Spring 2003 Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series, presented by The George Washington University Department of English. The Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series sponsors six to eight readings at GW each year by noted poets, novelists, playwrights and others. GW's Faye Moskowitz, a fiction writer and memoirist, kicked off the series in January.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 20, 8:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Arnold & Josh Weiner

Poets Elizabeth Arnold and Joshua Weiner both teach at the University of Maryland, College Park. Arnold's first book of poetry is *The Reef* (Chicago). She has received fellowships from Radcliffe's Bunting Institute, the Fine Arts Work Center, Yaddo and the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. Weiner is author of *The World's Room* (Chicago). Both Arnold and Weiner received prestigious Whiting Writers Awards in the fall of 2002.

Thursday, March 27, 8:00 p.m.

James McCourt

James McCourt's fiction and essays have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Grand Street*, *The Paris Review* and *The Yale Review*. He is the author of *Mawrdew Czegowchwz* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), *Kay Wayfaring in "Avenged," Time Remaining, Delancey's Way* and *Wayfaring at Waverly in Silver Lake* (Knopf). His first work of non-fiction, *Queer Street*, is due out next fall from Norton.

Thursday, April 3, 8:00 p.m.

Jewell Parker Rhodes

Jewell Parker Rhodes teaches creative writing and American literature at Arizona State University. Her books include *Douglass' Women* (Atria), *Magic City* (HarperCollins), *Voodoo Dreams* (St. Martin's) and *Free within Ourselves: Fiction Lessons for Black Authors* (Doubleday). Rhodes has received numerous awards, including a National Endowment of the Arts fellowship in fiction and a Yaddo creative writing fellowship.

WHERE:

The George Washington University
Marvin Center, 3rd Floor Amphitheater
800 21st Street, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Two blocks from Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST:

Free and open to the public.

**For more information about the Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series contact the
English department at (202) 994-6180.**

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**“BIOTERRORISM: GAUGING THE THREAT”
GW ADDRESSES HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES WITH BIOTERRORISM EXPERTS
FEBRUARY 14**

Democratic Presidential Candidate U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman to Keynote

EVENT: First in a four-part series on homeland security issues, this half-day seminar will examine what the bioterrorist threat is to the United States and question the country's readiness. The panel discussions will be followed by a keynote address by Democratic presidential candidate **Sen. Joseph Lieberman**, ranking minority member of the Senate Government Relations Committee.

WHEN: Friday, February 14, 2003, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center, 3rd floor
800 21 St., NW, Washington, D.C., (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

AGENDA:

Panel one: Gauging the Terrorists Threat:

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., 3rd floor Amphitheater

Brad Roberts, part-time professor, The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs; research staff member in strategy, forces and resources division, Institute for Defense Analyses

Robert Kadlec, Colonel, U.S. Air Force, director of biodefense programs in the Office of Homeland Security; USAF physician; former United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspector

David Franz, Colonel, Ret. U.S. Army; vice president, Southern Research Institute; former UNSCOM inspector

Panel two: Are We Ready:

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., 3rd floor Amphitheater

Keith Holtermann, associate dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences,
The George Washington University

Elin Gursky, senior fellow for biodefense and public health, ANSER Institute;
former deputy commissioner of Health for New Jersey

Peggy Hamburg, vice president of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) for biodefense programs; former assistant secretary for Department of Health and Human Services

Keynote Address with Q & A on Homeland Security Priorities:

12:00 p.m. – 1 p.m., 3rd floor Grand Ballroom

U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, (D-CT), Democratic presidential candidate; ranking minority member of the Senate Government Relations Committee

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BACKGROUND:

The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs is teaming with the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security to sponsor a series of one-day seminars focused on the challenges faced by America's homeland security policy and the new Department of Homeland Security.

Subsequent panels will discuss the following subjects: Intelligence and Civil Liberties (March 14); Border, Infrastructure and Transportation Infrastructure (April 11); and First Responders and Consequence Solutions (May 9).

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information on upcoming homeland security seminars contact: Kathleen Reilly at (202) 994-1650 or reilly@gwu.edu.

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**2002 NOBEL MEMORIAL PRIZE WINNER VERNON L. SMITH TO SPEAK AT GW
FEBRUARY 19**

**Prize Winner for Economics will Discuss Markets, Globalization and Prosperity as
the GW Business School's 2003 Robert P. Maxon Lecturer**

EVENT: Vernon L. Smith, the 2002 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science winner and professor of economics and law at George Mason University, will speak about markets, globalization and prosperity as The George Washington University 2003 Robert P. Maxon Lecturer. Susan M. Phillips, dean of GW's School of Business and Public Management, will give the opening remarks and introduce Smith.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center, Kaiser Room (Third Floor)
800 21st Street, NW (Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Orange and Blue lines)

COST: Free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

Smith received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the California Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. He has authored or co-authored more than 200 articles and books on capital theory, finance, natural resource economics and experimental economics.

He was honored with the Nobel Memorial Prize, along with Professor Daniel Kahneman from Princeton University, "for having established laboratory experiments as a tool in empirical economic analysis, especially in the study of alternative market mechanisms."

The Robert P. Maxon Lectureship was established through Dorothy Maxon's generous endowment gift to the School of Business and Public Management (SBPM) in honor of Robert P. Maxon (BA '48).

Professor Smith will be available before the Maxon Lecture at 6:30 p.m. for an informal Q&A session with registered media representatives.

For more information about the Robert P. Maxon Lectureship Series and Professor Vernon L. Smith, please visit www.sbp.m.gwu.edu/igmr. To register, please contact Robert Moll at (202) 994-2492 or (202) 905-8638 or Megan Doscher at (202) 994-4413.

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**REDSKIN GREAT BRIG OWENS TO DISCUSS FOOTBALL AND
PROFESSIONAL SPORTS AT GW UNIVERSITY CLUB
FEBRUARY 12**

EVENT: One of the "70 Greatest Redskins," Brig Owens, will talk about the Washington Redskins, the recent Super Bowl and professional sports as part of The George Washington University Club "In the Know" speakers series. Owens will be bringing a limited edition Redskins football to raffle off to a lucky member of the audience.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 12, 2003
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: GW University Club
1918 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, orange and blue lines)

COST: \$16.95 per person

BACKGROUND:

Owens is a former 13-year veteran of the National Football League and a seven-year player representative and defensive captain for the Washington Redskins. He holds the number two spot for the most passes intercepted by a Redskin (36) and is the team's record holder for most yards on interception returns (686). He played with the Redskins from 1966-1977, including the 1972 team that earned a Super Bowl berth.

Currently, Owens is a partner in Bennett & Owens, a sports management and real estate development firm. In addition to representing a number of professional athletes in football basketball and hockey, the firm specializes in developing and managing commercial office buildings in Washington, D.C.

The GW University Club "In the Know" speakers series is a luncheon conversation with prominent leaders in politics, the arts and civic life. Previous speakers include Brazilian Ambassador Rubens Barbosa and Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA).

**Lunch will be served starting at noon, followed by Owens' presentation.
Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call the Club's receptionist at (202) 994-2355 for more information or to make reservations.**

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"THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICIAN: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. JANET G. TRAVELL"

**Letters, Photos and Memorabilia of Personal Physician to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson
to be Featured at GW Exhibit**

- WHAT:** Exhibit chronicling the life and medical career of Dr. Janet G. Travell (1901-1997), a pioneer in pain medicine and personal physician to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. The exhibit is sponsored by The George Washington University's Department of Special Collections and University Archives of The Gelman Library.
- WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: Tuesday, January 21, through Monday, June 30, 2003.
Department of Special Collections Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Special Program: Thursday, March 27, 2003, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The special reception will be held on Thursday, March 27, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and will feature speakers and presentations about the life and work of Dr. Travell. The program is open to the public.
- WHERE:** The George Washington University
Department of Special Collections, 2nd Floor Melvin Gelman Library
2130 H Street NW, Washington D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)
- COST:** Free and open to the public

BACKGROUND:

On display are nearly 150 items from the Janet Travell Papers, including letters, photographs, articles, memorabilia and artifacts, which give the viewer a hint of the rich and varied life this remarkable woman led. Special emphasis is placed on her years as White House physician to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson (1961-1965), and her pioneering work in the field of myofascial pain. Dr. Travell's papers were donated to the library in 1998 by her daughters, Virginia Powell Wilson and Janet Powell Pinci.

Dr. Travell was a distinguished member of the medical community, becoming the first woman to serve as personal physician to a United States President and authoring more than 100 scientific articles. She was also renowned as an expert on myofascial pain – a term used to describe pain and dysfunction of skeletal muscles – and pioneered numerous techniques for dealing with chronic pain. Dr. Travell co-authored, with David G. Simons, M.D., the acclaimed two-volume textbook *Myofascial Pain and Dysfunction: The Trigger Point Manual*.

Dr. Travell served on the faculty of The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and University Hospital as associate clinical professor of medicine from 1961-1970, emeritus clinical professor of medicine from 1970-1988, and was made an honorary clinical professor of medicine in 1988. She remained an active figure up until her death at the age of 95, writing, giving lectures and attending conferences.

The co-curators of the exhibit are Sonya Lynn Tupone, a GW graduate student in the Museum Studies Program, and G. David Anderson, University archivist.

**For more information, contact G. David Anderson, University archivist at (202) 994-7283 or call
Special Collections at (202) 994-7549.**

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GW RECEIVES \$5 MILLION GRANT FOR AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY RESEARCH

GW's National Crash Analysis Center to Lead Research Efforts Targeted at Child Safety

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University announced today the receipt of a \$5 million grant to conduct research on automotive safety. Professor Kennerly H. Digges, director of biomechanics and safety at the Federal Highway Administration/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (FHWA/NHTSA) National Crash Analysis Center (NCAC) at The George Washington University, will direct the project aimed at further improving the safety of today's automobiles, with specific attention to child safety.

The funding, provided by the Ford Motor Company, was part of an out-of-court settlement agreement that did not involve GW. Both Ford and the plaintiffs' class counsel agreed that more value could be added to the settlement by contributing to research efforts in safety. They also unanimously agreed that Digges, in his capacity as a research professor in the NCAC, was the best person to direct this research.

"This is a unique opportunity and an honor for the NCAC," said Digges. "We will be able to collaborate with other research universities and institutes and pull the research together utilizing the skills of the best-of-the-best. This substantial amount of funding will allow us to accomplish some major goals and most importantly will save lives on our highways."

Half of the \$5 million award will fund research at the NCAC, located at GW's Virginia Campus, within GW's School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). The remaining portion will be subcontracted to other colleges and universities with established programs in safety research, with Digges and the NCAC guiding the overall efforts.

Along with targeted efforts in child safety, it is expected that the NCAC will lead research activities in areas such as crash investigations; compatibility of large and small vehicles during impact; and analysis of advanced airbag and safety belt systems; and more. Special emphasis will be placed on directing funding toward segments of the population with the greatest needs. While the general motoring public will be the primary benefactors of the research, it also will provide a foundation for numerous master's and doctoral degrees at GW and other selected universities.

"This award is a testament to the outstanding contributions GW has made the field of automobile safety," said Professor Timothy Tong, dean of SEAS. "With this funding, we will be contributing to saving lives while developing the leaders and engineers that will carry on these efforts for years to come. It's a winning situation for everyone."

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Digges has been an integral part of the NCAC since its inception in 1992, following a career that took him from being an officer in the U.S. Air Force to leadership positions within the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“This is a tremendous award and a testament to the skills and expertise Ken brings to GW and the safety community as a whole,” said Nabih E. Bedewi, professor of engineering and NCAC director. “No one deserves this more than Ken. He has dedicated his life to saving others and along the way has found time to share his vast knowledge with GW students and NCAC staff.”

The NCAC is a world-renowned research center devoted to the advancement of automotive safety. As a part of the civil and environmental engineering department within SEAS, the NCAC also produces top-notch graduate students in transportation safety engineering.

For more information on the NCAC, visit www.ncac.gwu.edu.

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**POTENTIAL IMPACT OF U.S.-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT TO BE
DISCUSSED AT GW CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES EVENT
FEBRUARY 21**

Chilean Ambassador to U.S. Andrés Bianchi, Among Expert Panelists

EVENT: **The U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement: Implications and Prospects**
Hosted by The George Washington University Center for Latin American Issues (CLAI), the panel discussion will focus on the significance of the recently negotiated trade agreement between the U.S. and Chile, and its potential impact on bilateral trade and on hemispheric trade relations.

WHEN: Friday, February 21, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to noon

WHERE: The George Washington University
Media and Public Affairs Building, Room B07
805 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

WHO: Panelists include:
Andrés Bianchi, ambassador of Chile to the United States
Regina Vargo, assistant United States Trade Representative
William Lane, director of government affairs, Caterpillar, Inc.
James Ferrer Jr. (moderator), director, CLAI

BACKGROUND:

GW's Center for Latin American Issues was established in November 1998 to encourage debate on major political, economic, and social issues affecting Latin America and Latin American-United States relations; to stimulate the preparation of scholarly publications and articles about Latin America; to conduct educational training programs that utilize the unique resources of the University and of other institutions in Washington, D.C.; and to expand the University's Latin American Program.

Media wishing to attend this event should contact CLAI at (202) 994-5205 or clai@gwu.edu. For more information about CLAI, visit www.gwu.edu/~clai or contact CLAI Director Jim Ferrer at (202) 994-5236. For more news about GW, visit the GW News Center at www.gwnewscenter.org.

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**TWO GW LAW SCHOOL FACULTY TO REPRESENT U.S. GOVERNMENT BEFORE
THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University Law School faculty members Sean D. Murphy and Michael J. Matheson will argue before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on behalf of the United States government in *Oil Platforms (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)*, which began on February 17, 2003.

In this case, which was filed in 1992, Iran alleges that attacks by the U.S. Navy in 1987-88 on three Iranian offshore oil production complexes constituted a breach of the 1955 U.S.-Iran Treaty of Amity. In 1996, the ICJ determined that it had jurisdiction over the case. Since then, the parties have filed extensive written pleadings to the court, including a counter-claim by the United States alleging that Iran violated the same Treaty of Amity by attacking U.S. vessels in the Gulf. After the hearing, the court will decide whether either party violated the Treaty of Amity. If a violation is found, the court will order further written and oral proceedings on the question of compensation.

The ICJ, situated in The Hague, Netherlands, is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Its dual role is to settle legal disputes submitted to it by states in accordance with international law, and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized international agencies.

Before joining the Law School faculty in 1998, Associate Professor of Law Sean D. Murphy served as legal counselor at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague, arguing several cases before the ICJ and representing the U.S. government in matters before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and The Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Visiting Professor of Law Michael J. Matheson served for more than 28 years at the U.S. Department of State, as principal deputy legal adviser from 1990 to 2000 and acting as head of the legal office on numerous occasions. While at the State Department he led efforts to create the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda, and to create the United Nations compensation commission for claims relating to the 1990-91 Gulf War.

From February 17 to March 7, 2003, Murphy and Matheson will make their second appearance in this case and argue this round before the court's 16-judge panel. Information on the case, including the oral arguments as they are presented, may be found at www.icj-cij.org.

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**GW'S DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS FACULTY ARTIST SERIES,
"CHAMBER MUSIC SINCE 1926"
MARCH 11**

WHAT: The George Washington University Department of Music presents the Faculty Artist Series, "Chamber Music Since 1926," featuring GW music instructors David Lonkevich, Alice Mikolajewski, Amy Reiff and Nancy Jo Snider.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 11, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Western Presbyterian Church
2401 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: \$5 - General Public; \$2 - Students and Senior Citizens.
Tickets available at the door.

BACKGROUND:

The program features selections from **Lee Hoiby** (b. 1926), **Bohuslav Martinu** (1890-1959), **Francis Poulenc** (1899-1963) and **Maurice Ravel** (1875-1937). The faculty artist's performance of Lee Hoiby's "The Life of the Bee," will be a Washington, D.C. premiere.

David Lonkevich is a solo, chamber and orchestral flutist who appears regularly as a guest with The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra and the National Theatre Orchestra. **Alice Mikolajewski** is a pianist who has worked and performed with area organizations such as Opera Americana, Alexandria Choral Society and Musikanten. **Amy Reiff** is a mezzo-soprano, whose repertoire includes more than 30 operetta and operetta roles, and solo performances with the Arlington Symphony, the Canton Symphony, the Bozeman Symphony, the Annapolis Chorale, the Akron Symphony Chorus and the Capitol Hill Choral Society. **Nancy Jo Snider** is a member of Baltimore Opera Orchestra and performs with the Washington Concert Opera and The Virginia Chamber Orchestra as a violincellist. She also plays the baroque cello with Washington Bach Consort, Washington Monteverdi Singers and Violins of Lafayette.

The George Washington University takes pride in the important and active role of music in its academic programs and campus life. GW's Department of Music has a full- and part-time faculty that includes well-known performers, teachers and several members of the National Symphony Orchestra and the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra.

For additional information, please contact the GW Department of Music at (202) 994-6245.

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**GW BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES STUDENT PRICING FOR 2003-2004
ACADEMIC YEAR, INCREASES UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID BUDGET
TO MORE THAN \$109 MILLION**

**Additional Funds Targeted for Campus Safety Programs,
Technology and Student Life**

University Also Allocates Resources for New Undergraduate Writing Program

Washington, D.C. -- The Board of Trustees of The George Washington University today approved a 4.5% increase in tuition, fees, room and food allowance for returning undergraduates for the 2003-2004 academic year and a 5.2% increase in tuition, fees, room and food allowance for students entering in the fall. Tuition and fees will increase by 4.5 percent for returning students and 5.5% for new students. The room and food allowance increase of 4.5% includes a modified meal plan that will give students greater flexibility in determining how their meal plan dollars are spent.

Funding for undergraduate and graduate student financial assistance will increase by nearly \$13 million in the next academic year, bringing the University's total commitment for financial aid to more than \$109 million. Additional funding will be used to enhance University services, including increased investments in student-life activities, technology and campus safety and security programs. As part of the University's strategic plan to bolster academic excellence, funds will be dedicated to establish a new writing program for undergraduates and for additional increases in aid targeted specifically to graduate students. The plan also calls for increases in funding for the Law School, the University's Gelman Library, and instructional technology in the classrooms, as well as financial support for a new, federally mandated computerized record-keeping system for international students who attend GW.

"We face a two-fold challenge in the next academic year," said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. "We must be sensitive to the economic climate affecting our families and the University while also continuing to build on our academic strengths and providing first-rate campus services. As a result, we are increasing financial aid by \$13 million while driving forward with funding for initiatives such as the new writing program and other elements of our strategic plan."

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Students who entered the University in Fall 2000 or earlier will pay \$28,690 (\$38,730 including room and food allowance) next year. The total amount for tuition and fees for new students will be \$29,350 (\$39,390 including room and food allowance) while those students who entered the University since Fall 2001 will pay \$29,070 (\$39,110 including room and food allowance).

The Board approved an even more modest tuition/fee increase of 3% at the graduate level, down from 3.2% last year. The Law School tuition increase is 5.3% for the 2003-2004 academic year. For the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, tuition and fees will increase 4.0% for first year students and 3.0% for second, third and fourth year students. The blended rate for all tuition increases is 4.4%.

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